

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 13-15 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 10 and 13-15 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 10 and 14 have been amended for better clarity. Further, independent claims 1, 4, 11 and 12 have been amended to delete features not necessary for patentability, and to include at least one patentable feature of allowed claims 10 and 13-15. In addition, claims 2-5 and 7-8 have been amended for conformance with independent claims 1 and 4, and claim 9 has also has been amended to substantially revert back to its original form.

Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 14 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

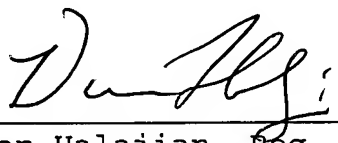
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 4, 11-12 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-3 and 5-9 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 4.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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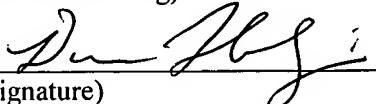
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